



John M. Carper

John M. Carper, age 82, of Silver Spring, MD, formerly of Lancaster, PA, Wellesley, MA, and Frankfurt, Germany, died Oct. 18, 2008 from complications related to a previous stroke at the Brooke Grove Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, Sandy Spring, MD.

He was born in Palmyra, PA, graduated from Juniata College, Huntingdon, PA, and earned a Doctor of Medicine degree from Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia. He then went on to a pediatric residency at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN.

Dr. Carper married Jane Reidenbaugh on June 26, 1948. They were married nearly 51 years, until her death in 1999. Dr. Carper practiced medicine in Lancaster, Boston, Frankfurt, Germany and Washington, DC. In 1991, he retired as the chief of the Adolescent Clinic at Walter Reed Army Medical Center with the rank of Colonel.

Dr. Carper was an avid golfer, hiker, photographer, vegetable gardener, traveler and reader. He served in the U.S. Army from 1946 to 1947 and again from 1981 to 1991. He was a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

He is survived by four children: Joseph (Susan McKittrick), Lexington, MA; Ann (Beth McKinnon), Washington, DC; Jim (Penny), Glencoe, IL; and John (Lisa), Roslindale, MA. He is also survived by a sister, Miriam Frey (Palmyra, PA); four grandchildren: Matthew and Katherine (Lexington, MA) and William and Jane (Roslindale, MA); and many nieces and nephews.

He is also survived by his wife, Iris Berry Carper, whom he married on Oct. 7, 2000; her five sons: Michael (Janice), Bedford, NH; Dan (Pat), Silver Spring, MD; Jim, Frederick, MD; Mark, Arlington, VA; and Hugh, Baltimore; and her 13 grandchildren.

Services were private. Memorials may be sent to: Brookside Gardens, Attention: Stephanie Oberle, 1800 Glenallan Ave., Wheaton, MD 20902.